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In re Application of :  
Ansgar Behler et al :  
Serial No.: 09/486,677 : PETITION DECISION  
Filed: June 26, 2000 :  
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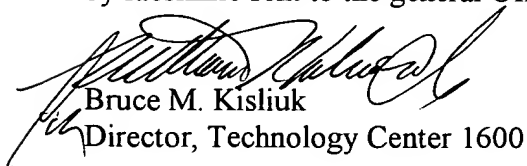
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 22, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a new non-Final Office action to applicants on September 3, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. The Office action followed applicants' submission of an Appeal Brief and gave applicants the option of replying to the Office action under 37 CFR 1.111 or requesting reinstatement of the Appeal. Applicants replied on March 10, 2003 (Certificate of Mailing dated March 3, 2003), including a request for a three month extension of time and fee therefor, requesting reinstatement of the Appeal and supplying a new (supplemental) Appeal Brief. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on May 22, 2003, when the reply was not timely correlated with the file. The reply has now been correlated with the file. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for preparation of the Examiner's Answer or other appropriate action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-308-3824 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

  
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